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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: SY: METAL DETECTOR

1. SINCE WE UNDERSTAND STUTTGART WAS FIRST CONGEN IN FRG TO HAVE
WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR INSTALLED, EMBASSY AND OTHER
CONSTITUENT POSTS MAY BE INTERESTED IN RESULTS OUR EXPERIENCE
WITH METAL DETECTOR AFTER FIRST WEEK AND A HALF OF USE.

2. UNIT WAS INSTALLED IN CENTER OF OUR LOBBY ABOUT 3 FEET IN
FRONT STREET ENTRANCE. WHILE WE HAD HAD SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT
POSSIBLE PUBLIC REACTION AS WELL AS EFFECT THIS PRE-SCREENING
COULD HAVE ON TRAFFIC FLOW INTO AND OUT OF LOBBY, OUR FEARS
PROVED GROUNDLESS. WOOD-GRAINED UNIT IS ATTRACTIVE AND OPERATION
HAS BEEN TROUBLEFREE. TRAFFIC FLOW HAS IN NO WAY BEEN IMPEDED.
PRE-SCREENING HAS IN FACT SIMPLIFIED TASK OF PEOPLE CONTROL IN
THE LOBBY AREA BY OBIVIATING NEED FOR FURTHER SEARCH OF BRIEFCASES,
ETC., AS MEMBERS OF PUBLIC SUBSEQUENTLY PASS THROUGH SECURE BARRIER
FOR ACCESS TO OFFICES OF VISA AND PASSPORT UNITS.

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3. PUBLIC HAS NOT RESENTED BEING SCREENED IN THIS FASHION. ONLY
ADVERSE REACTION WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED THUS FAR, IF WE CAN CALL
IT THAT, HAS BEEN FROM SWEET LITTLE OLD LADIES WHO HAVE EXPRESSED
SOME (MOCK ?) INDIGATION THAT WE COULD EVEN SUSPECT THEM OF
BEING POSSIBLE CARRIERS OF WEAPONS OR BOMBS. WE HAVE JOLLIED THEM,
AND SO IF ANYTHING OUR METAL DETECTOR, AS ADDED CONVERSATION

PIECE IN OUR LOBBY, HAS PERHAPS ENABLED US TO STRIKE A BLOW
FOR BETTER PUBLIC RELATIONS BY THE MORE "PERSONALIZED" SERVICE WE
NOW PROVIDE -- AT LEAST TO THE SWEET LITTLE OLD LADIES.

4. IN SUM, WITH THE METAL DETECTOR WE HAVE ADDED SECURITY AND
WE AREN'T HURTING A BIT.SCHMELZER

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